FRENCH BREAK DRIVE

Joffre's Troops Resting After Smashing Crown Prince's Front.

(Continued from First Page.) Cote du, Poivre, are covered with Ger

man dead. The war office reports the repulse of every assault directed against the strongly fortified position on this ridge. It is believed here that the climax of

German offensive has been reach

Fort's Value Discounted. Fort Douamont is the northernmost

outpost of the fortress of Verdun as it was constituted prior to the pres-The value of the various points in the organisation of the Verdun fortreas as it has been rebuilt to cope

with the latest high-powered guns is not a matter of public knowledge. Fort Douamout was the most advanced of the northerly forts of the old organization, which have been superseded since the Germans dem-onstrated the effectiveness of their high angle guns by new forts of sand

high angle guns by new forts of sand construction.

The wording of the official communique anneuncing the furious fighting around the fort seems to indicate that Douamont is not regarded as an important element in the new organizations, although the holding by the Germans of such a position so near to the main fortress would undoubtedly be of advantage to them.

Relief Felt in Paris. The news of the successful counter attack by the French was greeted by l'aris with relief and renewals of confidence in the fortress and the

troops defending it. The past week has been one of anxiety, and the welcome news that the Germans had been thrown back out of a strong position relieved the out of a strong position relieved the strain. It is recognized that the battle for the fort is still in progress and that it is too early to count on the successful counter attack as a turning point of the battle.

At the same time the fact that after five days of uninterrupted successes on the narrow front the Germans have been not only held but thrown back is taken as an augury of greater French successes to come.

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With the withdrawal behind a point orth of Champneuville and Ornes.

these two points representing the wings of the battle line, the front on which the Germans are concentrating their attack, narrowed to about three miles. Battle Line Narrow.

French occupy heights offering excellent opportunities for defense. At one point, the heights of Louvement, the Germans succeeded in pushing the French back from the edge of the heights in their attack on Douaumont but even this lost point seems tonight possible of recapture, since it is here
that the French counter attack is pusning back the Germans, who for a brief
interval held Fort Douaumont.

The narrowness of the battle line permits heavily concentrated attacks, but
elso permits equally concentrated defense.

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Military experts in France predict that a French counter offensive, if not already begun, will be begun in good time and will throw the Germans, exhausted by extraordinary losses, back over the ground that they have struggled for nearly a week to gain. Already the eye-witnesses at the front describe the German assault as the most sanguinary that the war has yet developed.

Previous Attack & Feint.

The Petit Parisien says that the German attack in Champagne on February 12 was intended as a feint to divert attention from the preparations being made against Verdun. Three successive waves were sent against the French lines, supported by asphyxiating gas and liquid fire but the wind changed inopportuntely and the gas fumes and flames were turned back against the Germane, trustrating the attack.

A French officer returned from this front gave the following description of the situation:

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"The work up there is hot indeed. They are gnawing at our lines a little faster, but with no positive advantage for themselves. Previous attacks made by the Germans in that section are nothing to what they are now delivering.

"I cannot of course give details, but I can say that we are holding well against their formidable attacks. The artillery exchanges are intense.

"Our batteries, admirably handled, have changed ground in masterly style, and the losses to the enemy are really fabulous.

Two Forts Under Fire

Two Forts Under Fire. Ours are slight, a feeble percentage of theirs. The Germans are, so to supeak, at the limits of the Argonne and the Meuse heights, the topography of which constitutes what I might compare to a series of coffer dams. The Germans have been preparing this stroke for a long time. It was in the

stroke for a long time. It was in the region of Comfians-Etain that they gathered the bulk of the material for the assault, as they had erected large factories at those points."

Forta de Belleville and de Marre are new under fire of the German howitzers. There are more than 400 guns masser behind the German lines on an eight-mile front between Consenvoys and Ornes. The Matin estimates the number of re-enforcements brought up



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by the Germans for the present drive at 250,000 men. by the Germans for the present drive at 35,000 men.

The Matin says:

"The battle of Verdun is infinitely more bloody than the battle of Ypres. Aircady our staff has identified seven-teen different attacking divisions, which means that the Teutons are launching 30,000 men into the cataciyamic fire along the nine-mile front."

Austrian Troops Occupy

BERLIN, Feb. 27 .- Austrian troops have occupied the city of Durazzo, pro visional capital of Albania, acording to a lVenna dispatch.

Rome dispatches yesterday reported that all Italian and A.ounian troops had been withdrawn from Durazzo by

had been withdrawn from Durazze by Italian transports. After surrounding the town on three sides the Austrians attacked from the southeast, encountering little opposition.

Durazzo is a dilapidated town of about 5,000 inhabitants, full of ancient ruins. It lies thirty-five miles horth of Aylona, where the Italians are strongly entrenched in anticipation of Austro-Bulgarian attack.

12,988 Turks Captured At Fall of Erzerum

LONDON, Feb. 27 .- Petrograd has isled the following official statement: "The results of the operations at Erzerum were obtained with relatively insignificant losses. We captured 236 Turkish officers, 12,753 men, nine flags, the first-class Turkish fortress of Er-

the first-class Turkish fortress of Erzerum and large depots of arms, munitions, supplies, signaling telegraph and telephone equipments, stores and parks."

These are the first official figures concerning the number of prisoners taken at Erzerum. Unofficial estimates placed the number at various figures, one as high as \$0,000.

Kuropatkin to Command Russians on Riga Front

LONDON, Feb. Z.-Petrograd advices state that recent reports that General Europatkin, commander-inchief of the Russian forces in Manchu ria during the Russo-Japanese war, is to take command on the Riga front, have been confirmed. He will succeed General Ruesky.

"We continue to pursue the defeated and demoralized Turks without giving them any respite, fifty miles from Erzerum, on the road to Trebizond," said the official statement. "We threw back the enemy rear guards and occupied the village of Aschkala."

Aix-la Chapelle Filled With German Wounded

AMSTERDAM (via London). Feb. 27 .--Never since the outbreak of the war have so many German wounded arrived at Aix-la-Chapelle as in the last few days. There is insufficient means of con-

veyance, and as a result mounded men in litters are lying in long files await-ing automobiles to convey them to hos-pitals.

Austrian Troops Driven **Out of Italian Trenches**

ROME. Feb. 27.-Austrian troops pene trated Italian crenches west of Goritz but were driven out with serious losses General Cadorna reports to the war

Austrian trenches on the Carso pla-teau were captured by the Italians, who also took forty-seven prisoners on the slopes of San Michele.

ROCKVILLE.

By smashing the windows, thieves gained entrance to the drug store of W. F. Mattingly and the store of Bernard Gannon, at Silver Spring. At the drug store they broke open a safe and took \$3, ovelooking \$77. A cash register, valued at \$300 was taken from the Gannon store and demolished in the road in front. Its contents, only

60 cents, was taken.

Robert E. L. Yellott has filed suit here for \$500 against Truxtun Beale. Mr. Yellott claims the amount is due him on the recent sale of a tract of land in Potomac district.

Miss Daisy Reid, twenty-two years old, and Robert N. Martin, aged twenty-one, both of Washington, were married here today.

Jesse A. Higgins, son of Mr! and Mrs. John J. Higgins, left today for Hope-well, Va.

The teachers of the Rockville High School entertained the members of the tenth and eleventh grades last evening. Miss Katherine Dorsey was the host-ess at a dance at the home of her grandparents, Col. and Mrs. William Dorsey, Friday.

Mrs. Albert M. Boulc is in Atlantic

Mrs. Harry A. Dawson gave a lance at the Montgomery Country Club

Miss Margaret Stokes was the hostess at a dance at the Montgomery Country Club Monday.

Noted Cincinnatian Dead. CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.-Franklin Alter, president of the American Tool Works Company, and one of the best known business men in this city, is dead at the age of eighty-four. Mr. Alter was a prominent member of the Democratic party.

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Durazzo; Italians Retreat Business Should Be Learned Thoroughly Before Large Investment Is Made.

> The safest way for those who are about to make their first attempt at poultry raising is to start in a small way with a few fewia, and learn the business the oroughly petere roaking large investments. Histakes will be made and many difficult problems will be presented for solution before success in any large measure will be attained. As soon as it is found to be a paying investment, more capital may be put into the plant.
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> Another good plan for the beginner who wishes to learn the art of poultry keeping is to secure a position with some uncreasful poultryman. One or two years of work on a large, practical plant will be found a great help, so the methods of caring for the birds and of marketing the products can thus be learned better than in almost any other way. way with a few fewls, and learn the

he learned better than in almost, any other way.

The question is often asked as to what is the best time of the year for one to begin. When to begin is not very important, but the fall of the year is a good time, for then stock can be nurchased for less money than at any other season. It is also advisable that the fowls be moved, to their new quarters before they begin to lay.

If the beginner has had experience in poultry keering, it will be all right to purchase eggs, otherwise he should begin with the fowls and thus gain some knowledge of caring for positry nefure attempting to raise chickens

CANDLING" TESTS EGG FOR FRESHNESS

Basin of Water May Also Be Used for Small Quantities.

When supplying a fancy trade with eggs, or on receiving eggs from outside eggs, or on receiving eggs from outside sources, it is often desirable to determine their freshness.

The method generally used by commission merchants for this purpose is known as "candling," and consists in holding the egg between the eye and a light so as to note the contents.

This should be done in a darkened room, using one of the egg testers on the market or the simple home-made tester.

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The air space in a perfectly fresh egg is very small, and as the egg loses part of its contents by evaporation this air space increases in size with the age of the egg. Fresh eggs should appear clear and bright, showing no dark spots. Those accustomed to "candling" soon learn to defect stale eggs with a good degree of accuracy and rapidity. Another method employed by some who have not a great number to test is to put the eggs in a busin of water. If good they will lie on their sides; if bad they will stand on the small ends.

The older the egg the more upright it stands, and if very old it will be suspended in the water or even float on the surface.

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If the comb or wattles of fowls become frozen, and it is discovered before they than out, apply snow or cold water to remove the frost, for this gradual thawing will often save them.

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HAMILTON POSILTRY PARM,

FUNERAL RITES FOR CAPITAL RESIDENTS

Hours and Places of Service Arranged by Bereaved Families.

Funeral services for George P. Bohrer, seventy-three years old, for Ulirty years manage rof Convention Hall, who died suddenly Friday following an attack of acute indiges-tion at his home, 226 Virginia avenue southeast, will be held at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mem-bers of St. John's Lodge, No. 11, F A. A. M., will have charge of the services. Interment will be in Con-gressional Cemetery.

Arthur A. Allison. Funeral services for Arthur A. Al-licon will be held at the residence, 38 Q street northeast, tomorrow aftbe private. 2 o'clock. Interment wil

The funeral of Harry O. Aylor will be held from the residence, 461 G street northwest, tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock. Requiem mass will be célebrated at St. Patrick's Church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Annie D. Davis. The funeral of Mrs. Annie D. Davis will be held on Tuesday morning at 9 clock from the residence, 1118 Twentyfifth street northwest, thence to St. Stephen's Church, where requiem mass

will be celebrated. Interment will be made at Mt. Ilivet Cemetery.

Ellen Harwood Clagett. The funeral of Ellen Harwood Clagett will be held from the undertaking es tablishment chapel of the John R. Wright Company, 1237 Tenth street northwest, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, Interment will be made at Rock Creek Cametery.

Mrs. Anna C. Butt. Funeral services for Mrs. Anna C. Butt will be held at the residence. 527 Florida avenue northwest, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. In-terment will be made at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Henry M. McDonald. The funeral of Henry M. McDonald will be held from the residence, 631 Morton street northwest, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, Interment will be made at Rock Creek Cemetery.

Georgetown Chemists

Study Poisonous Gases Manufacture of poisonous gases, such as have been use din the war, and the manufacture of later day explosives, are being studied by the Chemistry Club of Georgetown University.

The club members, accompanied by the Rev. John P. Gallagher, S. J., professor of chemistry, is making a special study of the preparedness and comme cial uses of chemistry. Yesterday the club visited the Georgetown Gas Com-pany works, and was shown through the various branches of the plant by Thomas F. Holden, superintendent.

Williams Attacks Wilson and Lansing

Declares President Apparently Has Forgotten the Traditions of Remocracy.

Political Washington today is discuising an attack made on President Wil-son and Secretary Lansing by George Fred Williams, former minister to

Fred Williams, former minister to Greece, who regisped some time ago, after differing with the Administration Williams makes the flat denial that delegates to the St. Louis convention should be sent unpledged to frame Democratic Presidential policies.

Attacking the President for checking the effort of Congress to legislate on the question of werning Americans from armed belligerent merchantment, Williams says;

"The clash between democracy and imperialism is heard, and, strangely enough, within the Democratic Party. Strange, indeed, it is that a Democratic President should resent a Congressional resolution intended to avoid a fatalissue. The President's course in announcing his military policy was equally imperial. He declared it without consulting the legislative leaders representing the people.

"When the President in his isolation undertook to frame policies without orders from the people be forgot apparently the tenets and traditions of domocracy."

Challenging Secretary Lansing's de-

domocracy.

Challenging Secretary Lansing's democracy, Williams says his appointment was a "wrorg to the country and the party." He referred to Lansing as "a stranger to the people and the Democratic party."

Administration leaders were silent today on the Williams attack

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Committee of One Hundred to Gather Wednesday Evening at Jennings Home.

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home of Hennen Jennings in Sherida:. Circle Wednesday evening.

A number of addresses by persons prominently identified with the movement to make the city the most beautiful in the world will be features of the program. Among those who are expected to speak are Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Dr. James Dudley Morgan, and the Rev. Dr. Wallace Ralciffe.

Hennen Jennings will speak on the conomic proposition as an engineer, and D. J. Callahan, will speak from the viewpoint of the waterfront interests.

Organ Recital.

Edgar Priest is to give an organ recital at Bethlehem Chapel. Washington Cathedral, this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

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Washington, D. C., Jan, 25, 1916. Classified Advertising Manager, The Washington Times.

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der for reupholstering a parior suite, and alle covers also.

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Chassified Advertising Manager, the Washlington Times.

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Yours truly, Miss CAHOL H. JOHNSON.
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Classified Advertising Manager. The Washington Times.

Dear Sir-Among the ads, in the "Thrity Buyers" column last Sunday I was impressed with the one of the Vienna Hat Factory, of 45 lith st. N. W. It gives me great pleasure to recommend this company for the work they have done for me has been highly satisfactory in every way. Hats that had all but reached the point of shabbiness were so renovated that they were equal to new. I have all praise for the Vienna Hat Factory. Very truly yours. ETHEL J. DAVIS.

East Falls Church, Box 21. Virginia.

Washington, D. C., February 7, 1818.
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Dear Sir—To whom it may concern: Some time ago I had an attack of chills and malaria, leaving me in a complicated condition. After trying several remedies without success I saw Bury's Chill and Malarial Capsules advertised. I wish to acknowledge after taking two boxes of the remedy all trace of recent malady has vanished. I wish to give thanks for the grand remedy, which brought to me the greatest of all biesaiwas—health. "Experience is the best teacher," try the remedy. With graitude, yours sincerely, 130 5th st. N. W.

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